

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2022-004

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING CHAPTER 1-12 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE ADOPTING A FINAL MAP OF REVISED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF POPULATION DATA FROM THE FEDERAL 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTIONS 21620-21630

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body of the City and is comprised of seven members; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Council adopted Ordinance No. ORD-2018-007 amending Santa Rosa City Code Chapter 1-12 to establish district-based election of Council Members, adopting a map describing the boundaries of each district and determining the sequence of district elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, every city with district-based Council elections must update (“redistrict”) its district boundaries so as to ensure that the Council districts remain substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in updating the district boundaries, the Council must give consideration to the following: (a) voting districts must be substantially equal in population, (b) district maps must comply with Federal and State Constitutions and voting rights laws, (c) to the extent practicable, districts shall be geographically contiguous, (d) to the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods and communities of interest shall be respected, (e) district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents, (f) to the extent practicable, district shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness, and (g) district lines must not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 21627.1 requires the Council to hold at least four public hearings before adopting revised district boundaries, including at least one public hearing before the Council draws any draft map, and at least two public hearings after draft maps have been drawn, one of which may be a public workshop rather than a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 21628 requires the Council to take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process; and

WHEREAS, consistent with California Elections Code section 21627.1, the Council has held one study session, four public hearings and a community workshop concerning the update of Council voting districts, including (a) a study session on October 12, 2021, to provide an introduction and overview of the redistricting process, (b) a public hearing on December 7, 2021, prior to the drafting of any maps, (c) a public hearing on January 25, 2022, at which initial draft

maps were introduced, discussed and considered, (d) a community outreach workshop on February 17, 2022, at which members of the public were provided with additional mapping tools, training and an opportunity to provide additional input regarding redistricting, (e) a public hearing on March 1, 2022 to provide further public input and reaction to draft district maps, including additional maps submitted by members of the public, City staff and the City’s consultant, and (f) a final public hearing on March 29, 2022, to provide public comment and recommendations on the proposed maps; and

WHEREAS, throughout the redistricting process, the Council has, in compliance with California Elections Code section 21628, strongly encouraged and facilitated public participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the final map adopted herein has been subject to extensive public review, is consistent with all legal requirements and would best serve the interests of the community.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Amendment of Code. Section 1-12.010 of Chapter 1-12 of the Santa Rosa City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“1-12.010 District-based Council Member elections.

A. Members of the City Council shall be elected by-district as provided in this Chapter. Seven City Council Districts shall be established as follows, and shall continue in effect until such City Council Districts are amended or repealed in accordance with law:

1. City Council District 1 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of the City’s southern border and Burgess Dr; thence proceeding northerly and easterly along Burgess Dr to Rain Dance Way; thence proceeding northerly along Rain Dance Way to Lone Star Ct; thence proceeding westerly along Lone Star Ct to Red River Way; thence proceeding northerly along Red River Way to Tuxhorn Dr; thence proceeding westerly along Tuxhorn Dr to Silver Spur Dr; thence proceeding northerly along Silver Spur Dr to Hearn Ave; thence proceeding westerly along Hearn Ave to Stony Point Rd; thence proceeding northerly along Stony Point Rd to Highway 12; thence proceeding easterly along Highway 12 to South E St; thence proceeding southwesterly along South E St to Hendley St; thence proceeding southerly along Hendley St to Aston Ave; thence proceeding southeasterly along Aston Ave approximately 240 yards to the intersection of Aston Ave and the county island; thence proceeding southwesterly along the northern border of the county island border and its extension to Colgan Ave; thence proceeding southwesterly along Colgan Ave to Petaluma Hill Rd; thence proceeding southerly along Petaluma Hill Rd to the City’s southeastern

border; thence proceeding clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-1 – City Council District 1.

2. City Council District 2 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of the City’s eastern border and Spring Creek; thence proceeding westerly along Spring Creek to the parcel borders on the north and east sides of the houses facing Cottsberry Ct and the southbound portion of Parktrail Dr; thence proceeding westerly along the east-west portion of Parktrail Dr to Summerfield Rd; thence proceeding northerly along Summerfield Rd to Montgomery Dr; thence proceeding northeasterly along Montgomery Dr to Mission Blvd; thence proceeding northerly along Mission Blvd to Santa Rosa Creek; thence proceeding southwesterly along Santa Rosa Creek to Brookwood Ave; thence proceeding southeasterly along Brookwood Ave to Highway 12; thence proceeding westerly along Highway 12 to South E Street; thence proceeding southwesterly along South E Street to Hendley St, thence proceeding southerly on Hendley Street to Aston Ave; thence proceeding southeasterly along Aston Ave approximately 240 yards to the intersection of Aston Ave and the county island; thence proceeding southwesterly along the northern border of the county island border and its extension to Colgan Ave; thence proceeding southwesterly along Colgan Ave to Petaluma Hill Rd; thence proceeding southerly along Petaluma Hill Rd to the City’s southeastern border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-2 – City Council District 2.
3. City Council District 3 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of the City’s eastern border and Spring Creek; thence proceeding westerly along Spring Creek to the parcel borders on the north and east sides of the houses facing Cottsberry Ct and the southbound portion of Parktrail Dr; thence proceeding westerly along the east-west portion of Parktrail Dr to Summerfield Rd; thence proceeding northerly along Summerfield Rd to Montgomery Dr; thence proceeding northeasterly along Montgomery Dr to Mission Blvd; thence proceeding northerly along Mission Blvd to Austin Creek; thence proceeding southwesterly along Austin Creek to Brush Creek; thence proceeding northerly along Brush Creek to the City’s northern border; thence proceeding clockwise along the City’s border to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-3 – City Council District 3.
4. City Council District 4 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of the City’s northern border and Interstate 101; thence proceeding southerly along I-101 to College Ave; thence proceeding easterly along College Ave to Mendocino Ave; thence proceeding southeasterly along Mendocino Ave to 4th St; thence proceeding northeasterly along 4th St to E St; thence continuing southeasterly along E St to Santa Rosa Creek; thence continuing northeasterly along Santa Rosa Creek to Mission Blvd; thence proceeding northerly along Mission Blvd to Austin Creek; thence proceeding

southwesterly along Austin Creek to Brush Creek; thence proceeding northeasterly along Brush Creek to the City's northern border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-4 – City Council District 4.

5. City Council District 5 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of Highway 12 and Stony Point Rd; thence proceeding northerly along Stony Point Rd and Marlow Rd to the intersection of Marlow Rd and W Steele Ln; thence proceeding easterly along W Steele Ln and Steele Ln to Interstate 101; thence proceeding southerly along I-101 to College Avenue; thence proceeding easterly along College Ave to Mendocino Ave; thence proceeding southeasterly along Mendocino Ave to 4th St; thence proceeding northeasterly along 4th St to E St; thence proceeding southeasterly along E St to Santa Rosa Creek; thence proceeding northeasterly along Santa Rosa Creek to Brookwood Ave; thence proceeding southeasterly along Brookwood Ave to Highway 12; thence proceeding westerly along Highway 12 to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-5 – City Council District 5.
6. City Council District 6 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of the City's western border and Guerneville Rd; thence proceeding easterly along Guerneville Rd to Marlow Rd; thence proceeding northerly along Marlow Rd to W Steele Ln; thence proceeding easterly along W Steele Ln and Steele Ln to Interstate 101; thence proceeding northerly along I-101 to the City's northern border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise along the City border to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-6 – City Council District 6.
7. City Council District 7 shall be comprised of all that portion of the City bound by the intersection of the City's southern border and Burgess Dr; thence proceeding northerly and easterly along Burgess Dr to Rain Dance Way; thence proceeding northerly along Rain Dance Way to Lone Star Ct; thence proceeding westerly along Lone Star Ct to Red River Way; thence proceeding northerly along Red River Way to Tuxhorn Dr; thence proceeding westerly along Tuxhorn Dr to Silver Spur Dr; thence proceeding northerly along Silver Spur Dr to Hearn Ave; thence proceeding westerly along Hearn Ave to Stony Point Rd; thence proceeding northerly along Stony Point Rd and Marlow Rd to Guerneville Rd; thence proceeding westerly along Guerneville Rd to the City's western border; thence proceeding counter-clockwise to the point of beginning, as depicted in Figure 1-7 – City Council District 7.”

Section 3. Map. Maps showing the districts described in this Ordinance are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4. Environmental Determination. The Council finds that the adoption and implementation of this ordinance are exempt from the provisions of the California

Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this ordinance may have significant effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required.

Section 5. Technical Adjustments. If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is authorized to make technical adjustments to the district boundaries adopted in this Ordinance, provided that such technical adjustments do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any District. The City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any technical adjustments deemed necessary and shall advise the City Council of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the districts.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following its adoption.

This ordinance was introduced by the Council of the City of Santa Rosa on March 29, 2022.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2022.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Map of Districts
Exhibit B – Figures 1-1 through 1-7